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1. There is still talk in Rumania of the partisans and their exploits, such as the raiding of a munitions depot at Namoloasa, between Galati and the Carpathian Pass. There is also talk of alleged aid from the West; for example, the parachuting of watches into Rumania. However, it is believed that there is no longer any organized armed resistance. 25X1

2. There was a great restlessness in Rumania following the riots in Prague and Berlin in June 1953. Patrols of armed militia circulated in the streets of principal cities for several days. The population is still waiting for a great anti-Soviet explosion. Passive resistance is apparently not very organized, although the Social Democrats are alleged to be infiltrating most of the Communist unions. 25X1

the most popular political party was the National Peasant Party, which was dissolved by the Communist regime. The Iron Guard has completely ceased to exist in Rumania, insofar as an independent movement.

3. A story was told in prison of a group who escaped from the Gherla prison. It concerned young people belonging to an organization called the "Yellow Shirts", who were fighting for the country and for the King. Their insignia was a coin, from the time of the monarchy, broken in two. This group reportedly derailed a train in the region of Targu Mures. 25X1

4. The public no longer believes the statements of the regime, especially those concerning trials. They are convinced that the trials of the parachutists, which took place in Bucharest in October 1953, were staged for the benefit of the people. However, the people do believe that the West has an active interest in resistance problems.

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